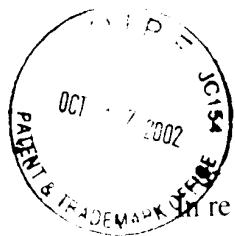


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS AND  
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on 20 August 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment to the above-referenced application be entered:

In the Specification:

Following page 32 of the specification, on a separate sheet, please insert the Abstract as set forth in Appendix A. A marked-up version of the Abstract is set forth in Appendix B.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert an Abstract on a separate sheet, as requested in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on 20 August 2002